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Application of:

Wayne A. Shamblin

Serial No.: 09/605,148

Filed: June 23, 2000

For:

PARALLEL ADJUSTABLE GENTRY TRUSS PLATE PRESS

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Art Unit
3726



— The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address —

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Amendment dated 5/31/02.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____ 6) ☐ Other:

Art Unit: 3726

DETAILED ACTION

1. Receipt is acknowledged of a request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) and a submission, filed on 5/31/02. The submission, however, is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because it does not comply with 37 CFR 1.173(c), (b)(2), (d), and (g) (for example, the amended claims 21 and 23 must to be underlined). Since the submission appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to provide a complete reply to the prior Office action, applicant is given a shortened statutory period of ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS from the mailing date of this letter, whichever is longer, to submit a complete reply. This shortened statutory period for reply supersedes the time period set in the prior Office action. This time period may be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a).

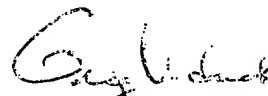
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2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Trinh Nguyen whose telephone number is (703) 306-9082.

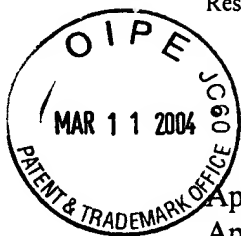
Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1148.

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September 16, 2002


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PRIMARY EXAMINER
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Appl. No.: 09/605,148
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**Petition to Director Under 37 CFR §1.181 for Revival
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Sir:

Applicant filed a non-provisional application, Serial No. 09/605,148, on June 23, 2000. The PTO examiner issued a Detailed Office Action on June 29, 2003 (copy attached). Applicant timely filed a Response to Detailed Office Action on August 11, 2003 (copy attached). Proof of filing includes a returned self-addressed post-card, stamped by the USPTO as received on August 15, 2003 (also attached).

Apparently, the Response reached the PTO, but did not reach the examiner, Trinh Nguyen (tel.: 703/306-9082). Applicant received a Notice of Abandonment mailed March 3, 2004. A telephone call on March 9, 2004, to the examiner confirmed that she did not receive the Response.

The Notice of Abandonment was issued in error and Applicant requests the reinstatement of the application. It is not believed that any Petition Fee is required, however, if a Fee is due, please charge the account number below.

Please call Peter Schroeder at 214/220-0444 with any questions or concerns. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3037. A duplicate copy of this authorization is attached for this purpose.

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Examiner: Trinh Nguyen

For: **PARALLEL ADJUSTABLE GANTRY TRUSS PLATE PRESS****RECEIVED**

Assignee: Alpine Engineered Products, Inc.

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RESPONSE TO DETAILED OFFICE ACTION OF JULY 29, 2003

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Sir:

We are in receipt of the Detailed Office Action of July 29, 2003, but are confused as to the nature of the Action. Applicant filed this Reissue Application on June 23, 2000 meeting all of the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.173 (and all other requirements). In Applicant's Response of August 23, 2001, new Claims 21-25 were presented. These claims were entered, and the examiner replied with a Final Office Action dated December 1, 2001.

A Request for Continued Examination with further amendments to Claims 21 and 23 was submitted on May 31, 2002. The further amendments ("between at least two positions for pressing connector plates into truss members") were underlined in the body of the Response as required by the Rules. No matter was deleted. A clean copy of the amended claims was submitted as well.

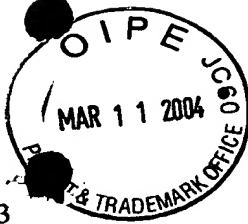
We are not entirely sure what requirement we have overlooked, but we submit the following:

- This Response to Detailed Action of July 29, 2003;
- A copy of the Response to the Final Office Action of December 1, 2001 with the amended claims, with additions underlined; and
- Separate pages with all of the pending claims (1-25), with their status, in their full text.

The amendments to Claims 21 and 23 are supported in the Specification at Col. 2, lines 1-7, 30-37, and at Col. 3, final paragraph and following, and Fig. 2.

If the Applicant has misunderstood the Detailed Action, please call Peter V. Schroeder at 214-220-0444, and he will provide any necessary information.

ALPI16984R



Dated: August 11, 2003

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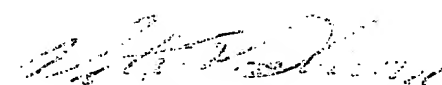
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CLAIMS

1. (Original) A gantry press adjustment apparatus for adjusting a vertical spacing and parallel orientation of a gantry press with respect to a work surface, the gantry press having a rigid frame with a first side frame portion and a second side frame portion, each of the first and the second side frame portions having first and second generally parallel vertical members, a bottom brace and a top brace, the first and the second side frame portions spaced sufficiently apart to accept a roller press with a first shaft end and a second shaft end, the apparatus comprising:

a first planar member being adapted to receive and support the first shaft end of the roller press, said first planar member slidably mounted on the first side frame portion about the first and the second generally parallel vertical members;

a first vertical adjustment member connected to the first side frame portion and to said first planar member;

a second vertical adjustment member connected to the first side frame portion and to said first planar member, said first vertical adjustment member and said second vertical adjustment member mechanically interconnected such that said second vertical adjustment member adjusts at a substantially equivalent rate and vertical spatial orientation to that of said first vertical adjustment member;

a second planar member being adapted to receive and support the second shaft end of the roller press, said second planar member slidably mounted on the second side frame portion about the first and the second generally parallel vertical members;

a third vertical adjustment member connected to the second side frame portion and to said second planar member;

a fourth vertical adjustment member connected to the second side frame portion and to said second planar member, said fourth vertical adjustment member and said third vertical adjustment member mechanically interconnected such that said fourth vertical adjustment member adjusts at a substantially equivalent rate and vertical spatial orientation to that of said third vertical adjustment member; and

a drive connected with each of said first and said third vertical adjustment members to adjust each of said first and said third adjustment members at a substantially equivalent rate and

vertical spatial orientation such that a simultaneous four-point adjustment of said first planar member and said second planar member maintains the roller press in a parallel orientation with respect to the work surface.

2. (Original) A gantry press adjustment apparatus as defined in claim 1 wherein each said vertical adjustment member comprises:

a rod having a shoulder surface between a first portion and a second portion of said rod, the second portion having a threaded surface and a diameter larger than the first portion of said rod;

a threaded member adapted to threadingly receive the second portion of said rod, said threaded member having mounting means to attach said threaded member to one of said planar members; and

a thrust bearing about said first portion of said rod supported by the shoulder surface, the first portion of said rod extending through an aperture defined in the top brace of the side frame portion, the aperture being adapted to rotatably receive the first portion of said rod, said thrust bearing having an outer circumference larger than the aperture.

3. (Original) A gantry press adjustment apparatus as defined in claim 1 wherein said drive comprises:

a first gearbox drive having an input shaft, a first output shaft and a second output shaft; a second gearbox drive having an input shaft, a first output shaft and a second output shaft;

a rod having a first end mechanically connected to the first output shaft of said first gearbox drive and a second end mechanically connected to the input shaft of said second gearbox drive; and

a motor means secured to the input shaft of said first gearbox drive for actuating the first and the second output shafts of each said gearbox drive.

4. (Original) A gantry press adjustment apparatus as defined in claim 3 wherein said motor means comprises a manually operated crank.

5. (Original) A gantry press adjustment apparatus as defined in claim 3 wherein each of said first and said second gearbox drives comprise a right angle gearbox drive.

6. (Currently amended) A gantry press adjustment apparatus for adjusting a vertical spacing and parallel orientation of a gantry press with respect to a work surface, the gantry press having a rigid frame with a first side frame portion and a second side frame portion, each of the first and the second side frame portions having first and second generally parallel vertical members, a bottom brace and a top brace, the first and the second side frame portions spaced sufficiently apart to accept a roller press with a first shaft end and a second shaft end, the apparatus comprising:

a first planar member being adapted to receive and support the first shaft end of the roller press, said first planar member ~~sidably~~ slidably mounted on the first side frame portion about the first and the second generally parallel vertical members;

first and second vertical adjustment members connected to the first side frame portion and to said first planar member;

a second planar member being adapted to receive and support the second shaft end of the roller press, said second planar member slidably mounted on the second side frame portion about the first and the second generally parallel vertical members;

third and fourth vertical adjustment members connected to the second side frame portion and to said second planar member; and

a drive interconnected with each of said first, second, third, and fourth vertical adjustment members to adjust each at a substantially equivalent rate and vertical spatial orientation such that a simultaneous four-point adjustment of said first planar member and said second planar member maintains the roller press of the gantry press in a parallel orientation with respect to the work surface.

7. (Original) A gantry press adjustment apparatus as defined in claim 6 wherein each of said first, second, third, and fourth vertical adjustment members comprises:

a rod having a shoulder surface between a first portion and a second portion of said rod, the second portion having a threaded surface and a diameter larger than the first portion of said rod;

a threaded member adapted to threadingly receive the second portion of said rod, said threaded member having mounting means to attach said threaded member to one of said planar members; and

a thrust bearing about said first portion of said rod supported by the shoulder surface, the first portion of said rod extending through an aperture defined in the top brace of the side frame portion, the aperture being adapted to rotatingly receive the first portion of said rod, said thrust bearing having an outer circumference larger than the aperture.

8. (Currently amended) A truss assembly apparatus for use in connection with assembling a truss having a plurality of truss members and a plurality of connector plates, said apparatus comprising:

a truss table comprising at least two guide tracks coupled to said truss table and a ~~worksurface~~ work surface on which the truss may be positioned;

a roller assembly movably coupled to said guide tracks, said roller assembly configured to press the connector plates into the truss members, said roller assembly comprising a plurality of drive wheels for moving said roller assembly relative to the truss table ~~worksurface~~ work surface; and

adjustment apparatus supporting said roller assembly at variable spacial relationships to the work surface while maintaining the roller assembly parallel to the work surface.

9. (Original) A truss assembly apparatus in accordance with claim 8 wherein said roller assembly comprises two drive wheels.

10. (Original) A truss assembly apparatus in accordance with claim 8 wherein said roller assembly further comprises a roller and a motor, said roller configured to press the connector plates in the truss members, said motor configured to be rotatably coupled to said roller and said drive wheels.

11. (Original) A truss assembly apparatus in accordance with claim 8 wherein said roller and said drive wheels rotate at a same speed.

12. (Currently amended) A roller apparatus for use in connection with assembling a truss on a truss assembly apparatus, the truss having a plurality of truss members and a plurality of connector plates, the truss table having at least two guides and a ~~work surface~~ work surface, said roller apparatus comprising:

a frame;

a roller coupled to said frame configured to press the connector plates into the truss members;

adjustment apparatus supporting said roller at variable spacial relationships to the work surface while maintaining the roller parallel to the work surface; and

a plurality of drive wheels coupled to said frame configured to movably couple to the truss table guides.

13. (Original) A roller apparatus in accordance with claim 12 wherein said roller and said drive wheels rotate at a same speed.

14. (Original) A roller apparatus in accordance with claim 12 wherein said roller assembly comprises two drive wheels.

15. (Currently amended) A roller apparatus in accordance with claim 12 wherein the roller assembly further comprises a motor configured to be ~~rotably~~ rotatably coupled to said roller and said drive wheels.

16. (Original) A truss assembly apparatus for use in connection with assembling a truss, the truss having a plurality of wooden truss members and a plurality of nailing plates, said apparatus comprising:

 a truss table comprising at least two guides coupled to said truss table and a work surface on which the truss may be positioned;

 a roller assembly movably coupled to said truss table guides, said roller assembly configured to press the nailing plates into the truss members, said roller assembly comprising a plurality of drive wheels for moving said roller assembly relative to the truss table work surface; and

 a plurality of interconnected vertical adjustment subassemblies to vertically support and adjust said roller assembly parallel to the work surface.

17. (Original) An apparatus in accordance with claim 16 wherein said roller assembly further comprises a roller and a motor, said roller configured to press the nailing plates in the truss members, said motor configured to be rotatably coupled to said roller and said drive wheels.

18. (Original) An apparatus in accordance with claim 16 wherein said roller and said drive wheels rotate at a same speed.

19. (Original) A roller apparatus for use in connection with assembling a truss on a truss table, the truss having a plurality of wooden truss members and a plurality of nailing plates, the truss table having at least two guides and a work surface, said roller apparatus comprising:

a frame;

a roller coupled to said frame configured to press the nailing plates into the truss members;

a plurality of interconnected vertical adjustment subassemblies to vertically support and adjust said roller parallel to the work surface; and

a plurality of drive wheels coupled to said frame configured to movably couple to the truss table guides.

20. (Original) A roller apparatus in accordance with claim 16 wherein said roller and said drive wheels rotate at a same speed.

21. (Previously added) A truss assembly apparatus for use in connection with assembling a truss, the truss having a plurality of truss members and a plurality of connector plates, said apparatus comprising:

a truss table comprising at least two guide tracks coupled to said truss table and a work surface on which the truss may be positioned;

a roller assembly movably coupled to said guide tracks, said roller assembly configured to press the connector plates into the truss members, said roller assembly comprising a plurality of drive wheels for moving said roller assembly at variable spatial relationships to the work surface; and

an adjustment apparatus comprising at least one adjustment means supporting each end of the roller assembly, the adjustment means operably connected to effectuate simultaneous adjustment of the ends of the roller assembly between at least two positions for pressing connector plates into truss members while maintaining the roller assembly parallel to the work surface.

22. (Currently amended) A truss assembly apparatus in accordance with ~~Claim~~ claim 21, wherein said roller assembly comprises two drive wheels.

23. (Previously added) A roller apparatus for use in connection with assembling a truss on a truss assembly apparatus, the truss having a plurality of truss members and a plurality of connector plates, the truss table having at least two truss table guides and a work surface, said roller apparatus comprising:

a frame;

a roller having ends coupled to said frame configured to press the connector plates into the truss members;

adjustment apparatus supporting said roller at variable spatial relationships to the work surface while maintaining the roller parallel to the work surface;

the adjustment apparatus comprising adjustment means supporting each end of the roller, the adjustment means operably connected to simultaneously adjust the ends of the roller between at least two positions for pressing connector plates into truss members; and

a plurality of drive wheels attached to said frame for moving the roller apparatus along the truss table guides.

24. (Currently amended) a A roller apparatus in accordance with ~~Claim~~ claim 23 wherein said roller comprises two drive wheels.

25. (Currently amended) A roller apparatus in accordance with ~~Claim~~ claim 23 wherein the roller assembly further comprises a motor configured to operate said drive wheels.